

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Student advisor, Makayla Herbert was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The January *Rushlite* featured a story on Bob Bridges.
2. On the 5th the State did an inspection at the trailer court south of town.
3. We did a tour of Launch Fishers.
4. On the 6th there was an Education Initiative discussion.
5. Thanked Councilman Smith for attending the Strategic Alliance seminar.
6. Thanked Councilman Bridges for attending the Black History Month celebration at Mount Zion Church in Connersville.
7. On the 11th we toured Madison Chamber of Commerce. We came away with some good ideas.
8. On the 12th we had discussion with the County regarding the future of the APC/BZA.
9. Six of us attended a stellar workshop on the 13th. Letters of interest need to be submitted by March 16th. Selections will be made on April 2nd.
10. There will be a wet weather presentation tomorrow.
11. OCRA training will be tomorrow afternoon at the Herdrich building.
12. Met with the Strategic Alliance Regional Workforce Group.
13. There will be an event Saturday at 9:00 a.m. called SPC Lierla. Lineup will be at Pavey's Grocery in Milroy and will proceed to the Elementary School for a Ski ceremony.
14. There will be an INDOT meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th at the High School cafeteria regarding Phase 2 of the Highway 52 project.
15. John McCane and I will attend a meeting on Thriving Communities in Columbus on the 26th.

16. There was an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan which was the downtown strategic plan that was completed by Ball State and the 4-H group. This has been concluded. I have sent a copy to Cory to advise us if we need to adopt this separately. A copy will be sent to Council.

17. Received the report on the pool repairs from Hannum Wagle & Kline.

18. There will be a questionnaire for citizens to fill out relating to the Park Master Plan.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he attended Black History Month in Connersville. He said the program was very well attended by Rush and Fayette Counties.

IAC Roundtable – Councilman Smith attended the IAC Roundtable. He said they discussed annexation and said it will be getting much harder to annex. Smith said they were also informed that SBOA audit fees will be increasing from \$45.00 per day to \$175.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The committee is working on opening acts.
- **Marketing** – Discussion with Shelly and Sheehan.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Meeting in March.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – “Coffee with a Cop” event went well.

The Board of Works accepted the resignation of Stephen Hershberger effective March 1st.

Pavey said he has received a concern regarding RV parking blocking the vision for traffic. We will need to address this matter.

The Mayor's 5K walk/run is scheduled for May 9th. Applications can be found on the City website. The beneficiary is Rush to Health.

Animal – Warden Moran said the latest vet report will be available soon. She is working on the January report. The intake was 39 and 7 were euthanized. Thanked the newspaper for the nice article in the paper.

Park – The Board of Works accepted a letter of resignation from Park Director, Danny Mathews. His last day will be June 1st.

Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting at 6:30.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Bridges asked if the bridge will be replaced in the Highway 52 project. Pavey said it would not since it is historically significant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town (Old Airport)** - Pavey received an email from Julie Newhouse. She spoke with Rick Levi concerning the estate. Levi said they are admidable to an agreement to go onto the property or easement. We met with the State inspector and a report will be prepared. Pavey also said he found the original report dated 6/26/12 for the Rush Mobile Home drainage which was done by Wessler. Pavey also said Butler Fairman had provided some numbers for the Bostic Administration.
2. **Contract Legal** – Will coordinate schedules to meet with Councilman Berkemeier.
3. **Corporate Tax Incentive Discussion** – Pavey asked Council to convey their thoughts to McCane regarding the implementation of a corporate tax incentive. This would be an incentive for businesses to have their headquarters located in Rushville. McCane said he has checked with other communities but has not been able to find any our size that has implemented this practice. Sheehan said he is open to the idea. He questioned if the size of the business would be a requirement.

Pavey asked McCane if there was any further information regarding the downtown TIF area. McCane said his goal is to put together a plan after March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2015-02 Establishing Fees for Permits and Inspections** – Shelly Wakefield asked Council to table because corrections need to be made. Bob made a motion to table. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2015-03 Minimum Standards for Non-Residential Structures** – Wakefield said this covers commercial buildings and that this also needs to be tabled. Conner made a motion to table. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Parks Master Plan Survey** – Pavey passed around a copy of the survey and asked for any suggestions.
4. **301 East 2nd Street Settlement Agreement** – Pavey said the Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for the agreement on the livestock facility. They are planning to re-locate North on 3. They will have 18 months (now 17 months) to do so then the facility can no longer be used as a livestock facility. Conner made a motion to enter into the agreement. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Letter of Support for Active Living Workshop** – Rush to Health and FIT are requesting a letter of support for the Active Living Workshop. Bridges made a motion to approve the letter of support. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Sheehan asked for an update on the Blight program. Chief Jenkins said we are setting up historical reviews, pre-demolition surveys, asbestos testing, and then the bid process. Jenkins said we are probably 60–90 days out. There are currently 12 houses involved, but it is anticipated that 2 will be pulled off. We are also getting proposals on 2 businesses.

Sheehan said the new Chamber sign looks good.

Sheehan urged anyone that has not yet visited the Princess Theater to do so. He said the Street Department is doing a great job clearing out the building. Pavey thanked Kate Thurston for the articles in the paper.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.